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October 2, 1987

Mr. Gregory H. Boyce
Kennecott, Utah Copper
P.O. Box 525
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Re: Kennecott Gold Heap leach
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Dear Mr. Boyce:

We appreciate the opportunity to meet with you and other representatives of the Kennecott Corporation concerning the proposed Gold Heap leach operation north of the Bingham Canyon mine in the Oquirrh Mountains.

The presentation was thorough and addressed many pertinent environmental issues. In a subsequent discussion with our staff Geologists, it has become apparent that the proposed site in Barney's Canyon is located above some domestic water wells and is in a groundwater aquifer recharge area. There are very serious environmental concerns. We must advise you that the waters of the state must be adequately protected if the project is to proceed.

Please call me at 538-6146 if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

Charles G. Dietz, P.E.
Environmental Engineer
Bureau of Water Pollution Control

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